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1. Between 30 July and 11 August 1951 no shipments of enlisted personnel or materiel arrived in the Zehdenick-Templin (N 54/U 81) area. However, the number of officers increased steadily. new officers joined one unit at the rate of two or three (a day ?) throughout the period of observation. new officers also arrived at other units in the training area.

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2. Construction of wooden barracks south of the billeting area of units with numerical designations 175, 162, 111, and 83 was increasing. The troops were still engaged in intensive training which included the wearing of gas masks. The officers, overburdened by routine duties, complained

3. Elements of the unit participated in an armored field exercise in Ribbeck (N 54/U 70) between 7 and 10 August. No detailed information on the field exercise could be obtained. A colonel and a major disappeared from camp early in August and had not been apprehended by 11 August.

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4. On 8 August, a convoy consisting of eight trucks was observed moving from Camp Vogelsang toward Ribbeck. The trucks were occupied by about one hundred soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets. The convoy included one field kitchen, T-34 tank and four trucks hauling ammunition and towing AT guns possibly of 85 mm.

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5. [redacted] the officer in charge of the billeting facilities in the training area was a General Strungs (spelling ?) who lived in Bernau. *

* Comment: The report contains no new information on the troops in the Templin training area. [redacted]

The [redacted] designations mentioned in the present report belong to armored components of the 25th Tank Div. [redacted]

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